

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please add the following at Page 4, before line 1:**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a flow diagram of a pricing scheme that creates incentives for a software vendor.

FIG. 2 shows a block diagram of a CAD tool that includes watermarking capabilities.

**Please amend Page 4, second paragraph (lines 9-13):**

The application of the invention to CAD tools for the design of integrated circuits will be used as an example. The Global Access Model (GAM) 100 shown in the figure is a pricing mechanism that meets the needs of the designer and the CAD tool vendor. Payment is broken into two parts. The first payment in step 110 is used to gain access in step 120 to the technology embodied in the CAD tools. The second payment is due in step 140 upon completion of the design program in step 130.

**Please amend Page 8, third paragraph (Page 8, line 17 through page 9, line 8):**

A site audit is a process whereby the CAD company or its agent audits the work product of the designer, looking for usage of the CAD tools. As shown in FIG. 2, a site audit ~~This could,~~ for example, be aided by having the a CAD tools tool 210 that includes an instruction 210 for causing a computer system 200 to insert data 251 into the an output file(s) 250 that identifies this file as having been produced by CAD tools from this particular CAD company; this is known as a watermark 251. The watermark 251 may consist of non-functional data (also known as comments) added to the output file that is ignored by programs processing this file as input. The watermark 251 may consist of a unique pattern within the actual data itself. Possible unique

patterns include naming conventions (i.e., distinctive names generated by the tool), spacing conventions (i.e., a distinctive method of inserting white space), ordering conventions (i.e., a distinctive order of the information in the output file), adding non-functional elements, and others. Alternatively, the CAD tools could produce a log file of results produced for review in the site audit.